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| In re Application of: | James E. Dahlberg, <i>et al.</i>        | Confirmation No.: | 1902                 |
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| Entitled:             | <b>Detection of Small Nucleic Acids</b> |                   |                      |

**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO  
OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 3, 2008**

**VIA EFS WEB**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 3, 2008, with response due on or before December 3, 2008. Three months extension of time is requested. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The Commissioner is authorized by this paper to charge any fees during the entire pendency of this application, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-4302, referencing Attorney Docket No. FORS-08497. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

In accordance with the procedure for Amendment Practice under 37 C.F.R. §1.121, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in a Listing of Claims that begins on page 3 of this communication.

**Remarks** are on page 11 of this communication.